

RAILROAD NEWS

Big Improvement Planned for Missouri Pacific.

Road Will Spend More Than \$2,500,000 in 1912.

WORK ON KANSAS LINES

All Main Line Property in Year's Budget.

Other Items of General Interest in Traffic World.

First Vice President E. J. Pearson has announced the Missouri Pacific's plan for continuing the work of improving the road on which much progress was made last year, and on which early commencement was made this season, for continuing progress similar to that of last year, and advancing still further the raising of the general standard of the property. In addition to expenditures for maintenance similar to those of the preceding year, the appropriations for improvements, comprising the widening of roadbed and cuts, application of new ballast and laying of new rails, will aggregate \$2,500,000.

While the work of maintenance will be general throughout the system, the additional improvement work will be confined more largely to main lines, the standard of which will be made still higher. Heavy expenditures will be made on the line between St. Louis and Texarkana, and considerable work will be done on the St. Louis-Kansas City line and completion of large amount of ballasting undertaken last year on the lines, Omaha to Kansas City, and from Kansas City to Pueblo, which is interfered with by very severe winter weather, is again under way for completion in the early part of the season.

Damages on the Memphis line by floods, caused by the breaking of levees above, are being rapidly repaired. The grade wherever below flood level is being brought up above, all banks widened, following which the line will be reballasted and brought to best main line standard.

Orders have been placed, part with the Colorado Fuel & Iron company and part with the Illinois Steel company, for the purchase of 25,000 tons of 90-pound steel rails.

DO AWAY WITH SMOKE.

Several Railroads Send Out Experts for Investigations.

St. Louis, May 11.—To solve the smoke abatement problem as regards locomotive engines, several railroads have employed experts to travel over their lines studying fuel conditions and methods of doing away with smoke from locomotives.

J. H. Lewis, fuel expert of the Burlington, recently has reported more smoking Burlington engines in the St. Louis terminal yards than were found by the city inspectors.

"While we stood seventeenth among the railroads last year and paid many fines, the road made every effort to eliminate the evil," Lewis told a representative of the women's organization for smoke abatement. "The Burlington has done so well that this year is at the top of the list in its behavior relative to smoke."

Lewis travels from town to town on

the Burlington system. Where engines are found smoking Lewis says the master mechanic is instructed to lessen the waste of coal by smoke loss.

"Of all the roads, I do not hesitate to say the Burlington is the best regarding the smoke in the city," Boiler Inspector Hoffman said yesterday. "The Frisco, Terminal and Missouri Pacific railroads also have fuel experts who are studying the smoke question."

STRIKE VOTE BEING TAKEN.

Vote Must Be Filed by Shopmen by First of June.

Salt City, May 11.—That a strike vote is being taken by the railway mechanics unions affiliated with the federation of federations organized at Kansas City last month was admitted by union members here. The wording of the question submitted is not divulged but it is said that an affirmative majority means the walkout of shopmen on all roads west and south of Chicago unless the demand of the federation for recognition is granted. The result of the vote is required at Kansas City by June 1.

ROOFLESS CARS ON RIO GRANDE.

New Summer Daylight Service Begins May 20.

Beginning May 20, the Denver & Rio Grande will resume operating for the summer season its popular open-top observation cars on certain daylight trains through Royal Gorge and Grand River canyons, also through Black Canon of the Gunnison. These cars are unique in that they are regular passenger coaches with the tops and upper portion of the sides removed, thus giving an unobstructed view, which is so greatly appreciated when crossing the Rockies. The Denver & Rio Grande is the only line in America operating cars of this character.

WILL LOOK OVER NEW LINE.

Santa Fe Officials to Make Auto Tour Over Dodge City Route.

Dodge City, Kan., May 11.—Former Lieutenant Governor W. J. Fitzgerald has returned home from a trip to Topeka and Chicago in the interest of the Dodge City & Camarion Valley railroad and announces that a number of the officials of the legal department of the Santa Fe have expressed their intention to make an auto trip over the route of the new line next week. "Among the party will be General Solicitor W. R. Smith and Assistant Solicitor O. J. Wood. The route to be followed will take the party along the grade through Ford, Gray and Haskell counties to the new town of Satanta, and from there through Stevens and Morton counties to the historic "Point of Rocks." The return will be made over the same route so as to make the investigation an accurate one.

THE KEYNOTE TO CARE

(By a Railroad Man.)

We find in the government of every railway a book of regulations and rules, which is in the hands of every employee connected with the operation of the road; and, upon unfolding its pages, the eye is first rested on these lines: "Obedience to the rules is essential to the safety of passengers and employees, and to the protection of property." And as we proceed further in our reading we observe rule after rule, guiding and directing the mind of the employee to exercise a high degree of care. These admonitions are for the express purpose of placing all employees on the plane of care, for not only their own welfare but

that of their fellows, as well as insuring to passengers and others that degree of preservation to which their carriage entitles them, and that freight be delivered without damage, and the company's property kept intact—all indicative of the fact that the management is doing all things to make the employees, surroundings and equipment as safe as the ingenuity of man can devise. Nothing more can be asked or done. But what is the key note to the situation? Accidents are happening. It is a serious condition of affairs when reports of our country's industrial establishments yearly record the sad intelligence that 40,000 people are killed and well on to 500,000 injured annually. This item of death and disfigurement of the body, with its trail of sorrow has become a question of consideration by the leading industries and railroads, and we are credibly advised that through safety organizations composed of officers and employees of the Baltimore & Ohio Railway Co., the Pennsylvania Lines east of Pittsburgh, the Street Corporation, and other railroads and industries, have taken this onslaught of humanity in hand, and through the channels of education and organization of employees into safety committees, by lectures and illustrations, reduced the death and injury toll over 50 per cent. The method is simple and depends on interesting all men in the preservation of their lives and limbs, and making it clear to all that it is not necessary to wait until someone gets hurt and then apply some remedy to prevent a recurrence, but to take the initial step, that the way, machine and appliances are safe, and the employee competent to do his task well and carefully. With these surroundings accidents would rarely occur. With the key note of care and precaution not depending on the officials, but on the employee himself, through his effectiveness in doing his work for the welfare of himself and others, a golden era of care will certainly be reached, the black flag of distress and suffering lowered, and the army of the laborer preserved for future use and activity in the preservation of mankind. We trust the campaign of safety is near at hand. How easy it is in the instruction cars of our railroads, shops and other points on our line to pass these soldiers of toil and make clear the road to safety. The key note of success of our soldiers in the war for the preservation of our country has been exemplified by discipline, bravery and loyalty; and 'n the ranks of the laboring class let it be equally commendable in the same spirit, not only of loyalty, but carefulness. It is a fight, not for your liberty, but your self preservation. Always have your mental gun defense ready, be first on the firing line, load your first arm of protection with safety bullets, and may your aim be true in the discharge of the weapon so as to strike the center of the target until the bell rings clear and distinct, the sound of safety, with its vibration striking the ear of your fellows and others. Then the world will know your ability as a valiant soldier of labor in the army of safety. Otherwise you are a deserter of the ranks of the brave, and your actions will be frowned upon by humanity. Whatever you do, do it well, or leave it undone. The latter will class you among those whose life is only a passing shadow of shiftlessness, without any act or deed left as a trace of their usefulness on earth. Exert every effort to strike the sound of safety. Let your words, actions and efforts always be in the interest and promotion of the slogan of safety.

First Woman J. P. in Missouri.

Joplin, Mo., May 11.—The first woman justice of the peace to be appointed in Missouri was named today when the county court selected Mrs. Isabelle Earl to succeed her husband A. J. Earl who died a week ago. She will serve the remaining six months of his term.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Judge Jackson Takes Exceptions to Hodges Platform.

Calls It "Republican Platform of Democratic Candidate."

HE WILL KEEP MOVING

Has Started on an Active Campaign of State.

Governor Stubbs Will Make Speeches in Ohio.

Judge A. M. Jackson, of Winfield, a Clark Democrat, who is a candidate for governor, does not look with favor upon what he designates as "the Republican platform of a Democratic candidate for governor."

Judge Jackson had in mind the platform of Senator Hodges of Olathe. The judge rises to politely and sarcastically inquire of his Democratic opponent for the nomination why he has embodied the props and planks of the Stubbs administration in his platform. The judge likes the good old Democratic doctrine of government, and economy, and himself, and he cannot see the point to building Democratic and Republican platforms just alike.

Judge Jackson will make an active campaign of the state between now and August. He has a date in May 23 at Larned to speak before the Kansas Development association and another at Lyons in Rice county to speak in connection with the Decoration Day celebration.

The judge declared that the appropriation of certain Republican papers of Senator Hodges' principles would be a great help to him (the judge) in his campaign for the gubernatorial nomination.

Governor Stubbs will leave next week for Ohio to take part in the Roosevelt campaign for the Buckeye state. Henry Allen will also likely go to Ohio and make Roosevelt speeches. This means that the governor will put off the opening of his senatorial campaign until after the Ohio campaign. The governor has postponed the announcement of his own candidacy until the Kansas presidential campaign had ended, and now he will wait another week.

I. M. Mahlin, the Smith Center attorney, has announced as a candidate for state senator for the district composed of Smith, Phillips and Norton counties to succeed Senator J. T. Reed who will retire to California. Mahlin is a progressive and it is stated by his northwest Kansas friends that he will be a strong candidate.

P. E. Laughlin, of Marysville, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for state treasurer. He is cashier of the Citizens' State bank of his town and was formerly secretary of group one of the Kansas Bankers' association. He is a young man only 33 years of age but he has been active and successful in the banking business for several years.

HAS ORIGINAL COPLEYS

Son of Robert I. Lee Owner of Perfect Portraits by Great Artist.

There are few people in Topeka who are aware that two of the greatest treasures in the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston belong to a Topeka family. The most perfect Copley originals in existence are the property of Mr. Thomas Amory Lee of Prairie Dell farm, five miles west of Topeka on the Tenth avenue road. They are the likenesses of the late Robert Lee Copley, great-grandfather, Jeremiah Lee and his wife. Jeremiah was one of the staunch patriots of Massachusetts, his name figures among such as John Hancock and Samuel Adams; he was the owner of the old Lee mansion at Marblehead, a stately colonial home, never occupied except by a Lee, and now a most charming home.

The portraits hang in the Copley room in the Boston museum, and are interesting from an historical, as well as an artistic viewpoint. They are described in detail in the Boston Transcript of February 12, 1896, which says: "They were painted by Copley in Boston in 1769 in the old mansion on Beacon Hill where he is said to have executed 200 portraits before his departure for England." The Transcript gives a clear idea of the beauty of the work. "These two portraits which are full length are gorgeous and imposing, and afford an idea of the artist's skill in portraiture than any of his other works in this country. According to the artist's own testimony given after his residence in London, he has never been able to surpass them. The portrait of Mr. Lee, which is the finer of the two, shows a handsome man in full dress." He has a mobile, artistic face, holds a letter in his hand, and is apparently about to answer it. The portrait of Mrs. Lee, which is also charming, displays a "stately lady returning from a garden. She is carrying a basket in her brilliant satin petticoat, and a dark blue velvet robe falls slightly back from her shoulders. The face is finely drawn, and the sweep of the rich fabrics is masterful in its handling." The Transcript concludes its article by stating that the portraits bore the name of Van Dyck they would not be unworthy of his genius. The frames are said to have been carved by that jack-of-all-trades, Paul Revere. The pictures are simply loaned by Mr. Lee, but will be kept in the museum for an indefinite period.

AD MEN ON SPECIAL.

Leave Pacific Coast for Convention at Dallas.

San Francisco, May 11.—Pacific coast delegates to the convention of the Associated Advertisers Clubs of America to be held at Dallas, Texas, May 19 to 23, will leave here today for Dallas on a special train. San Francisco delegates will make a night to capture the 1913 convention. The special train will carry delegates from Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Los Angeles and other California points.

Deutsch Amerikanischer National Bund.

First regular meeting at Arion Hall, 8 p. m., Tuesday, May 14th. Important business. Organizing Topeka Stadtverband, adoption of constitution and by-laws and election of officers. Germans cordially invited.

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Denver	10,741.00	42.4
Washington, D.	9,431.00	2.2
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St. Joseph	7,020.00	24.9
Fort Worth	7,017.00	25.6
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Wichita	3,704.00	8.7
Sioux City	3,285.00	26.9
Oklahoma	2,678.00	24.0
Little Rock	1,957.00	2.7
Lincoln	1,203.00	29.5
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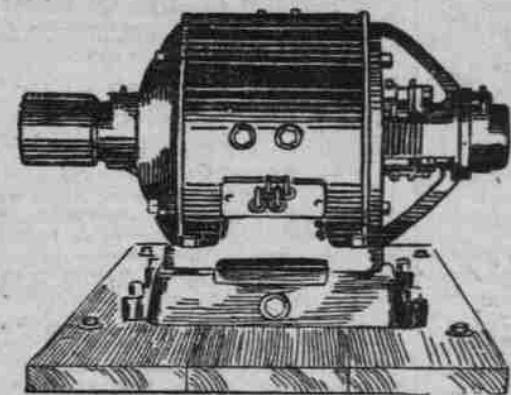
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Kansas City, Kansas, Democrats Cheer Mention of His Name.

Kansas City, May 11.—That William Jennings Bryan is a general favorite of Kansas Democrats was shown at the banquet of the Wyandotte County Democratic club at the Hotel Grand in Kansas City, Kan., last night when the mention of his name brought a greater ovation than that of Clark or Wilson.

The ovation came in the speech of John Beam, a Wyandotte county politician, who declared that the Democrats would probably elect a president this fall. A number of out-of-town guests attended.

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